



Christmas Pageant 2021 Update

We can hardly believe it has been nearly two years since we shared the Christmas story, and are sad to announce that we have decided not to gather again this Christmas season. With

COVID cases on the rise and our most vulnerable part of the OLA family, our children, not yet fully vaccinated, we feel we need to hold off one more year.

Instead we plan to share our story of the birth of Jesus on Christmas eve, Friday, December 24th at the 4:30 p.m. mass. If you would like to attend that mass with your children, we invite our children to come dressed as angels or shepherds. We will include a few of the children in the procession into church and then have them return to their seats with their families for mass. This mass will be live streamed if you are not comfortable being in church at this time. Please watch from home if you cannot be there in person. We want all our children to have a healthy Christmas break and do not want to be the source of any type of quarantine for them just a week before Christmas.

Our prayers to everyone for a healthy and peaceful Christmas with family and friends. You are our OLA family and we are blessed by you in so many ways. Thank you! Merry Christmas!

Update for Elementary Faith Formation:

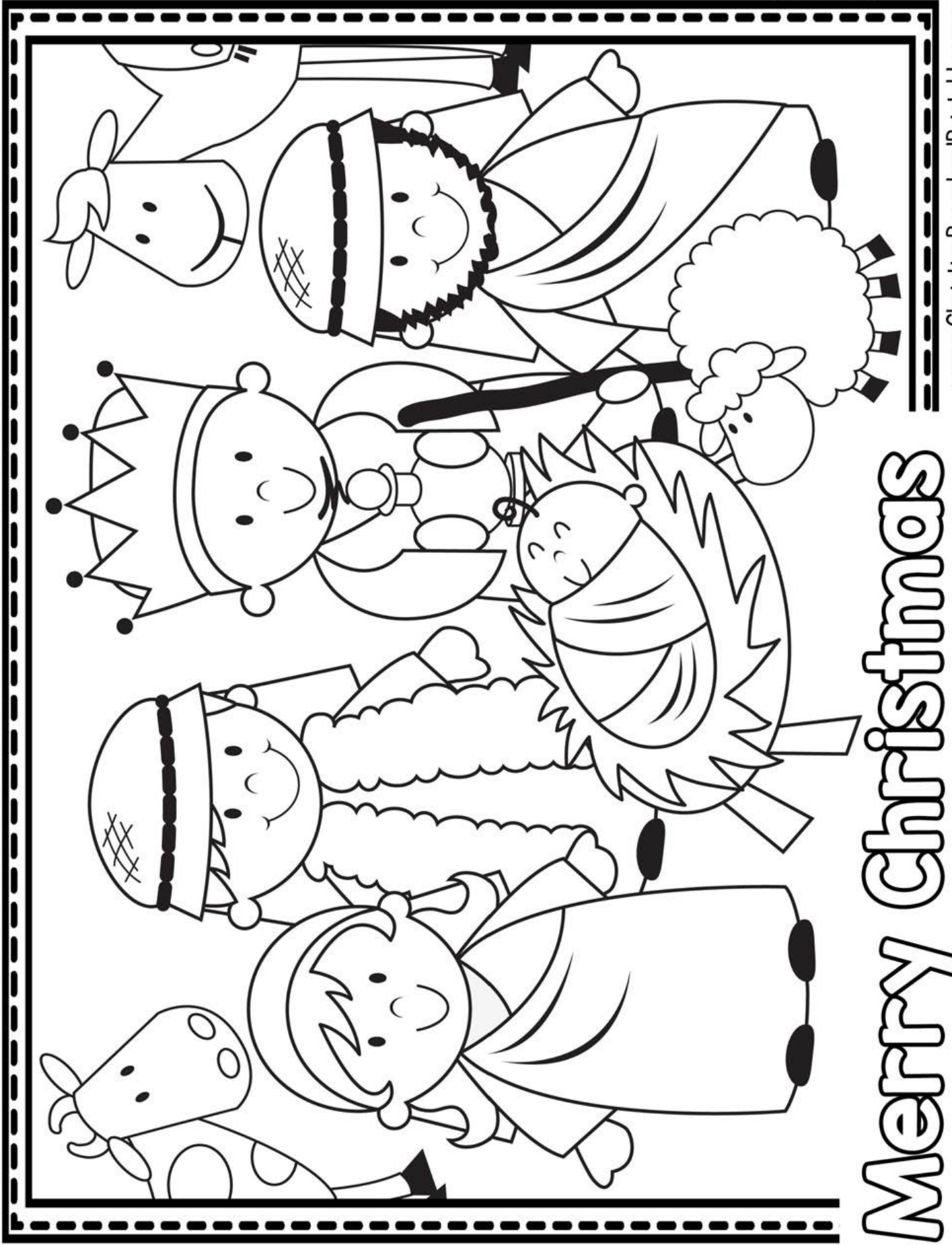
We met today, December 12th and covered Chapter 10 with the children. With the Christmas Pageant cancelled for 2021, December 18th or 19th is a wonderful opportunity to cover the Christmas activity packet with your children. This is not assigned on our schedule but there is no better time than the week before Christmas to pause and share the true meaning of our hectic holiday—the birth of Jesus. Our 3rd and 4th graders' packets also share Epiphany! Learn all about it together. Our 5th graders have an additional packet on Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her Feast Day is today, December 12th!

Our next gathering with the children and their Catechists will be on January 23rd, 2021. Our families need to complete Chapter 11 with their children while we are apart. Please be sure to turn your completed activity packets in to your child's Catechist when we return on January 23rd. We will give them right back to you so you can look at the Family pages.

You can access the Home Guides and digital directions for each chapter following the same directions emailed home in September. Check your email from me sent on September 28th or 29th. Each child has a unique username and password from St. Mary's Press.

If you have any questions, or need help with the directions, please email me at kbpola@nycap.rr.com or give me a call at 518-785-1605. Thank you! Merry Christmas! I will see you in 2022 (if not sooner at mass).

Blessed by you and your family,
Mrs. Kristi-Lynn Pegarella



Merry Christmas